

# Illinois Regional Archives Depository

## Records you can get for \$1, five minutes and a phone (Really!)

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## About the Illinois Regional Archives Depository

IRAD is a system of Illinois Regional Archives Depositories managed by the Illinois State Archives, housing the archival records of local Illinois counties, townships, municipalities and school districts. There are seven Regional Depositories, housed on seven different Illinois state university campuses.

- It is faster and cheaper to get many vital records via IRAD than by contacting a county directly.
- Not all timeframes for all records are available via IRAD. Search the [Local Government Holdings database](#) to see if the kind of record (marriages, for example) is available for that county via IRAD. (This is not the same as searching for your ancestor's name.)
- A few IRAD collections are indexed and can be searched by name, for example:
  - Statewide Marriage Index (1763-1900)
  - Sangamon County Probate Case Files Index (1821-1906)
  - Ogle County Almshouse Register Index (1878-1933)
- Try the [Global Database search](#) for unique surnames.
- Search is "exact string". Remember that indexes were created from handwritten records. Try variant spellings and portions of the name. Searching for Wund will find Wunder, Wunderly, Wunderlich, Wunderlick. Wildcards don't work. Results are in alphabetical order.

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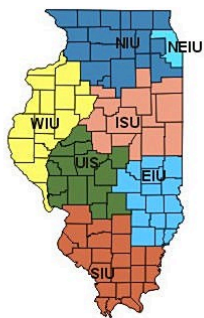
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**Regional Map and Contact Information**

Regional depositories are staffed by graduate student interns, hours may vary slightly from the posted schedules. Please call before planning a visit to a depository. Click on a county to see facts about that county.

**Eastern Illinois University (EIU)**  
Illinois Regional Archives Depository  
Booth Library  
Eastern Illinois University  
600 Lincoln Avenue  
Charleston, IL 61920  
217-581-6093  
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-4 p.m. (except state holidays)  
Counties: [Clark](#), [Clay](#), [Coles](#), [Crawford](#), [Cumberland](#), [Douglas](#), [Edgar](#), [Edwards](#), [Effingham](#), [Jasper](#), [Lawrence](#), [Moultrie](#), [Richland](#), [Shelby](#), [Wabash](#), [Wayne](#)  
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**Illinois State University (ISU)**  
Illinois Regional Archives Depository  
Illinois State University  
2016 Warehouse Road  
Campus Box 1520  
Normal, IL 61790-1520  
309-452-6027  
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1-4 p.m. (except state holidays)  
Counties: [Champaign](#), [DeWitt](#), [Ford](#), [Grundy](#), [Iroquois](#), [Kankakee](#), [Livingston](#), [Logan](#), [Marshall](#), [McLean](#), [Piatt](#), [Tazewell](#), [Vermilion](#), [Woodford](#)  
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**Find the right Depository.**  
<http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/IRAD/iradreg.html>  
(Google "Illinois State Archives Region Map")  
Click on a region or scroll to the bottom of the page to **select a specific county**.  
Note the hours for the specific Depository you need. (They don't all have the same hours.)  
Remember the 2-hour time difference between Virginia and Illinois!

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### Sangamon County

#### Contact Information

Sangamon County Complex  
200 S. 9th St.  
Springfield, IL 62701  
217-753-6700 — County Clerk  
217-753-6674 — Circuit Clerk  
217-535-3150 — Recorder

IRAD Depository  
LIB 144  
University of Illinois at Springfield  
One University Plaza, MS BRK 140  
Springfield, IL 62703-5407  
217-206-6520



#### Established

- January 30, 1821 (*Laws*, 1821, p. 45)

#### Origin of the name of the county

- Named after the Sangamon River which flows through the county which derived its name from the Pottawatomie Indian word Sain-guee-mon or Sangamon (pronounced sang gâ mun) meaning literally "where there is plenty to eat" or what we would call the "land of milk and honey."

#### Present area, or parts of it, formerly included in

- 1817–1821 — Bond
- 1812–1821 — Madison
- 1790–1812 — St. Clair
- 1790–1801 — Knox, Northwest Territory

### Review county fact sheet.

Information available includes:

- county formation date/history
- township map
- list of databases that include records from that county.

### Locate IRAD phone number. (not county clerk)

Even though the address is provided, all you need is the phone number.

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### Local Governmental Records Holdings

Enter text in any field to restrict the search to only those records which CONTAIN your text in that field. Searches are not case sensitive. You may use any combination of upper and lower case.

You may search by the name of the county, the title of the record series or depository designation or any combination of these fields. Click the "Submit Query" button after you have typed your search term or terms. To see all of the records in the database at once, click "Reset" then "Submit Query." Be advised that it may take several minutes to download the entire database.

Listed below are suggestions for searching the IRAD local governmental records database.

- To get a listing of all record series in IRAD with probate in the title, enter the word PROBATE. For naturalization records, enter the word NATURALIZATION.
- To find all records for a particular city, town or village, enter the name of the municipality enclosed in parentheses. For example, type (VIRDEN) to get a listing of all records in IRAD for the City of Virden.
- To find all records for a particular township, enter the name of the township followed by the abbreviation TWP. For example, type VIRDEN TWP to get a listing of all records in IRAD for Virden Township.

#### County

SANGAMON

#### Title

marriage

#### Depository

NOT SELECTED

Submit

Reset

### Learn what records are available for that county.

(Open a new tab so you can have the Local Government Records page open at the same time as the County Fact Sheet.)

- Select the county from the list.
- Search for a key word in the title of the record (birth, marriage, death, probate, school, tax, land...).
- Leave Depository criteria as "Not Selected".

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### Local Governmental Records Holdings

Search Criteria: County: SANGAMON, Title: marriage

County	Title	Begin Date	End Date	IRAD Dep	Accession No.
SANGAMON	MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS	1879	1975	UIS	4/0262/01
SANGAMON	MARRIAGE LICENSES	1821	1901	UIS	4/0314/01
SANGAMON	MARRIAGE RECORD INDEX	1821	1955	UIS	4/0275/01

[Return to Search](#)

### Call the IRAD Depository.

Be prepared to provide details: name, date, place of the event, AND YOUR MAILING ADDRESS. (If you hang up too quickly, they can't call you back.)

Provide the Accession No. from the results list.

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